(d) if so, whether Government have accepted any proposal to increase family pension from 30 per cent to 50 per cent with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Family pension is admissible at 30 per cent of basic pay (subject to a minimum of Rs. 375 per month) if the last pay drawn does not exceed Rs. 1500 per month.

(c) and (d) Where at the time of death the employee had completed 7 years continuous service, the family pension is payable at twice the ordinary rate or at 50 per cent of pay last drawn, whichever is less, for a period of 7 years or till the employee would have attained the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. Moreover dearness relief, which is revised periodically to compensate for the price rise is admissible on family pension. These provisions assist the widow to maintain her household. There is no proposal to increase family pension.

Deletion of Foreign Languages from the UPSC Syllabus

709. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Satish Chandra Committee has recommended deletion of all foreign languages from the UPSC Syllabus for the Civil Services examinations from 1993 onwards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a section of students of different faiths has protested against these recommendations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Considering the representations received from various quarters, UPSC have proposed to retain foreign languages in the syllabus for Civil Services Examination scheduled to be held in 1993.

PSUs without Chief Executives

710. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of September 1st, 1992, under the caption "Government perpetuating adhocism in appointments", if so the names of Public Sector Undertakings which are without the chief executives as on 1st November, 1992; and

(b) the names of Public Sector Undertakings which are without chief executives for more than one year and what steps have been taken to appoint the chief executives in all the Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes Sir. As per available information there are 28 posts of Chief Executives (Chairman/Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Manag-Director) vacant in Central Public Sector Undertakings as on 1-11-92. A list indicating names of such Public Sector Undertakings is appended as Statement-I [*See* below]

(b) A list indicating names of nine Public Sector Undertakings which are without Chief Executives (Chairman/Chairman-cum-Managing Director/Managing Director) for more than a year is appended as Statement II. [*See* below] Selections for the Board level positions is a continuous process and efforts are made to fill up these posts in accordance with the prescribed procedure as early as possible.